
Course Number:	ECON 985-001	Day/Time:	T 12:30 – 1:45
Credit Hours:	1.0 to 3.0	Bldg/Room:	Gardner 211
Department:	Economics	Term:	Fall 2013
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<u>Grading:</u>	Presentations	35 %	1-2 times per year
	Referee Reports	25 %	2-4 times per year
	General Comments	20 %	every presentation
	Participation	20 %	Engagement: (attendance, verbal comments, questions, attention)

Target Audience: Graduate students in the Ph.D. program in Economics who have completed their field paper and are engaged in dissertation research in the area of applied microeconomics.

Course Prerequisites: Permission by instructor and the Director of Graduate Studies in the Economics department.

Course Goals and Key Learning Objectives:

The purpose of this course (ECON 985) or workshop is (at least) three-fold:

1. By actively engaging in the workshop both as a presenter and a prepared and vocal participant, a student improves his or her ability to organize thoughts and to discuss ones' own and others' research.
2. Participation in the workshop allows the student to associate, correct, or avoid similar problems in one's own research, and to learn appropriate presentation and research skills by observing and engaging others.
3. Participation in the workshop provides the student with feedback on his or her own research in a relaxed, but formal, setting from student colleagues and multiple faculty members who may or may not be dissertation committee members.

Course Requirements:

All student participants are required to present at least once during the Fall or Spring semester. Dr. Gilleskie will assign dates to each participant based on dissertation progress, proposal status, and job market participation. Speakers should email a

paper to Dr. Gilleskie by Friday before the Tuesday presentation to be distributed to the participants.

Student participants will also provide comments on the research of *each* presenter. Please read the paper before the presentation and bring written comments to the presentation. On the day of the presentation turn the comments in to Dr. Gilleskie, who will distribute them to the presenter.

Each participant will be write up a formal referee report at least once, and probably twice, during a semester. Referees will be responsible for providing very detailed comments on the assigned paper; these comments should be substantive with regard to the economic content and modeling as well as constructive with regard to grammar and style. Please see the course website for referee assignments.

In addition to the required presentation of own research at least once during the semester and weekly active participation, we encourage preliminary oral exams (defense of the prospectus) and final oral exams (defense of the dissertation) for applied micro students to be scheduled as part of the workshop. Exams have priority for scheduling and so there may be changes to the order, day, or time in which students present. Since the times of the exams must accommodate the schedules of faculty on the committees, some of the workshops might be scheduled outside the usual workshop time and some regular attendees might be unable to attend. Also, there may be scheduling conflicts that necessitate using a conference room in which case only the committee members and student being examined would be able to attend.

Final Exams: There is no final exam in this course. Graduate courses are not required to have final exams.

Course Policies: Regular attendance is expected and will be accounted for in the assignment of grades. Written comments are accepted and expected, even if late.

Course Resources: Reading materials for the course consist of the presenter's paper and will be distributed by Dr. Gilleskie on Friday before the Tuesday presentation, or as soon as she receives it from the presenter. Presenters need to email their paper to me or the class participants and faculty on the Friday before the presentation.

Honor Code: The requirements for the course that could have Honor Code consequences pertain to the student's written paper and written comments from the audience participants to the presenting student. All work should be your own.

Time Table: The scheduled presentation dates, times, and locations are on the course website.

Syllabus Changes: The facilitator of this course reserves the right to make modifications to the presentation schedule (dates, times, and locations) in the event that a presenter cancels. Any such changes will be announced as early as possible so that participants may adjust their schedules.